sector as a soft peddling ground for frauding investors and large number of companies have closed their shops siphoning out the invested funds; and

(b) the names of such companies so far reported to the Ministry of Finance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) There are no instances of Mutual Funds having closed their operations. However, the operations of CRB Mutual Fund were stopped by SEBI in May, 1997 following irregularities in the non-banking finance activities of their group companies.

Listing of Financial Companies in the Stock Market

1301. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has denied registration to some financial companies in the Cabinet market;

(b) whether the share prices of such companies have increased in the recent period;

(c) if so, the names of such companies and the extent of rise in their share price;

(d) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement made by SEBI Chairman that the financial companies denied registration should not be listed in the stock market; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The Reserve Bank of India has rejected the applications for registration of 1468 Non Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs).

(b) and (c) The pattern of price rise on the stock markets is widespread and is not limited to such scrips only.

(d) and (e) SEBI has advised all stock exchanges to obtain information for all such listed companies. The exchanges were asked to take appropriate action including issue of show cause notice to companies which had not given correct and complete information in time. The exchanges were further directed to disseminate the correct information to investors/market participants.